

REMARKS

Status of Application

Claims 1-4 and 6-34 are all the claims pending in the present Application. Applicant hereby amends claim 23.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Widell (U.S. Patent No. 2,825,407).

Claim 23 is hereby amended to depend from claim 15, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 23 is, therefore, also patentable at least by virtue of its dependence from claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 1-4, 6-16, 19-22 and 24-34.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This Application is being filed via the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS). Applicants herewith petition the Director of the USPTO to extend the time for reply to the above-identified Office Action for an appropriate length of time if necessary. Any fee due under

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